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SUBJECT: OPANAL PARTICIPATION AT INFCE

REF: MEXICO 17263

1. DEPARTMENT HAS CONSIDERED CAREFULLY REQUEST BY GOM THAT
OPANAL BE INVITED TO ATTEND OPENING SESSION OF INFCE
ORGANIZING CONFERENCE. US HAS DECIDED NOT TO ENCOURAGE
SUCH A ROLE FOR OPANAL, IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT MEXICAN
REQUEST CAME VERY LATE, AND LEFT US INSUFFICIENT TIME TO
CONSULT WITH OTHER LATIN AND NON-LATIN DELEGATIONS, IN
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ADDITION, PARTICIPATION OF ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANI-
ZATIONS (SUCH AS CEMA) IN ORGANIZING CONFERENCE HAS ALSO
BEEN RAISED AT THE LAST MOMENT. FINALLY, US REMAINS
ANXIOUS TO AVOID GETTING OURSELVES INVOLVED IN LATIN DIS-
PUTE OVER QUESTION OF WHETHER OPANAL OR IANEC IS MOST
APPROPRIATE VEHICLE FOR REGIONAL NUCLEAR COOPERATION IN
LATIN AMERICA. FOR THIS REASON, WE ALSO DECIDED NOT TO

ACCEDE TO SIMILAR LAST-MINUTE REQUEST FOR IANEC TO PARTICIPATE.

2. DESPITE THESE CONSIDERATIONS WE DO NOT WISH TO CONVEY TO MEXICANS IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE OPPOSED TO GROWING OPANAL ROLE IF THAT IS DESIRE OF LATIN STATES, NOR DO WE WISH TO GIVE IMPRESSION THAT WE DO NOT TAKE SERIOUSLY GOM VIEWS ON THESE QUESTIONS.

3. ACCORDINGLY, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS EMBASSY RAISE THIS QUESTION WITH GOM AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL, AND DRAW, AS APPROPRIATE, ON FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- US HAS GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO GOM REQUEST THAT OPANAL BE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN INFCE ORGANIZING SESSION BEGINNING OCTOBER 19.

-- AS YOU KNOW, THOUGH US EXTENDED INITIAL INVITATIONS, WE HAVE SOUGHT TO ARRANGE DETAILS FOR ORGANIZING CONFERENCE TO MAXIMUM EXTENT ON CONSENSUS BASIS.

-- GOM REQUEST CAME TOO LATE FOR US TO ENGAGE IN NECESSARY CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER CONCERNED LATIN AND NON-LATIN DELEGATIONS.

-- FOR THE SAME REASONS, WE HAVE ALSO DECIDED THAT INCONFIDENTIAL

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SUFFICIENT TIME REMAINED TO RESPOND TO A SIMILAR REQUEST FROM IANEC, AND HAVE ACCORDINGLY DECIDED NOT TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO THE ORGANIZING CONFERENCE TO EITHER ORGANIZATION.

-- HOWEVER, IF ITS MEMBER STATES SO CHOOSE, THE US WOULD WELCOME THE PARTICIPATION OF OPANAL (AND/OR IANEC) IN THE STUDY GROUPS BEING ESTABLISHED AT THIS ORGANIZING CONFERENCE. IN PARTICULAR, IT HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY AGREED THAT SAFEGUARDS ASPECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE WORKING GROUPS. OPANAL, WITH ITS EXPERTISE CONCERNING THE UNIQUE SYSTEM OF "CHALLENGE INSPECTIONS" UNDER TLATELOLCO COULD PLAY A PARTICULARLY POSITIVE ROLE IN MAKING THIS INFORMATION MORE WIDELY AVAILABLE.

4. FOR CARACAS: WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY THE MEXICAN EMBASSY HERE OF VENEZUELAN INTEREST IN OPANAL PARTICIPATION WHICH WE ASSUME WAS STIMULATED BY THE MEXICANS. WE WILL REPLY THROUGH THE SAME CHANNEL. HOWEVER, SHOULD THE QUESTION ARISE, YOU MAY DRAW ON ABOVE INFORMATION, ADDING THAT THE US IS PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS NOT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN INTRA-LATIN AMERICAN DISPUTES OVER THE RELATIVE ROLES

OF OPANAL AND IANEC IN PEACEFUL USES OF THE ATOM, BUT
RATHER BELIEVE IT IS A QUESTION FOR THE LATIN STATES TO
RESOLVE FOR THEMSELVES. VANCE

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